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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : George L. Cary
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SUBJECT : Reform of Intelligence Charters

1. As you know, within the Congress, the Intelligence Community, and the Executive branch as a whole, there is a lot of consideration being given to intelligence charter reform. There are differences of opinion over whether, when and to what extent charter reform should be undertaken. As a result of PRM/NSC-11, these issues will be thrashed out in the Executive branch over the next few months.

2. Since the spring of 1976, this Office has been studying possible charter amendments. There has been some tentative coordination within the Agency and some preliminary drafting. The attached outline is suggestive of the kind of proposals which are being considered.

3. I should emphasize that these proposals do not necessarily represent a consensus, because there are some areas of disagreement within the Community on these matters. However, I think it best that we continue to prepare ourselves in this area so that we can play a constructive role should a decision be made to overhaul our charter.

4. The attached is based upon present organizational structure in the Executive branch and, of course, the ultimate shape of our charter will directly depend on decisions made on reorganization.

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Attachment

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